Profit and loss of Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans

2078. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the profit or loss of Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans during the last three years, year-wise, indicating the figures thereof; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to make all these corporations more profitable and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The profit/loss of Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans for the last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Air India	(—)43.41	43.31	55.0*
Indian Airlines	30.10	10.68	N.A.
Vayudoot	(—)8.23*	(—)7.62*	(—)11.52*
Pawan Hans	(—)6.69*	(—)4.94*	8.31*

*Estimated
(—) Indicates loss
N.A. — Not Available

Indian Airlines has not been able to estimate the profit/loss for the year 1989-90 so far due to late availability of operational data following crash of Airbus A-320 at Bangalore on 14th February, 1990 and suspension of Airbus A-320 operations from 19th February, 1990.

(b) The Corporations are taking steps to improve revenue accruals while cutting down on inessential costs. The Corporations are also improving the level of service by imparting training to personnel and through better procedures.

पान मसाले के हानिकारक

2079. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने प्रतिदिन 4 ग्राम से अधिक पान मसाला सेवन करने से होने वाले हानिकारक प्रभावों की जानकारी जनता को देना स्वीकार कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस दिशा में अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) यदि इस संबंध में अब तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रशीद मसूद): (क) से (ग) सरकार ने खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण नियम, 1955 के प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत पहले ही एक अन्तिम अधिसूचना जारी की है जिसमें यह निर्धारित किया गया है कि पान मसाला के प्रत्येक पैकेट पर और विज्ञापन में यह चेतावनी दी जानी चाहिए कि "पान मसाले का सेवन स्वास्थ्य के लिए हानिकारक हो सकता है।"

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति

2080. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के अध्यक्ष के पद पर हाल में एक नई नियुक्ति की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त पद के पिछले पदधारी ने अपना सेवाकाल पूरा कर लिया था;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उक्त पदधारी को समयपूर्व हटाये जाने के क्या कारण है;

(घ) क्या नये पदधारी के चयन के लिए कोई मानदंड निर्धारित किया गया था; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो नये पदधारी का व्यवहारिक अनुभव तथा उसकी शैक्षिक अर्हतायें क्या-क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह) (क) जी, हां

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) पिछले अध्यक्ष ने त्यागपत्र दे दिया था।

(घ) अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति के, वी०आई०सी० अधिनियम के उपबंधों के अनुसार की जाती है।

(ङ) नये पदधारी की शैक्षिक अर्हताएं और अनुभव इस प्रकार हैं:—

(1) एम०एस०सी०; एम० फिल, पी०एच०डी० (जनेटिक);

(2) ग्राम विकास वाहिनी का महासचिव;

(3) सी०एस०आई०आर० (1975-78) में अनुसंधान वैज्ञानिक;

(4) ट्राइसेम बनाने के लिए ग्रामीण विकास समिति का सदस्य;

(5) अनेक वैज्ञानिक समितियों के सदस्य और सहयोगी।

(6) शैक्षिक संस्थानों से सम्बद्ध।

Cancellation of I.A. flights

2081. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of flights of Indian Airlines which were cancelled during the period October, 1989 to April, 1990;

(b) what were the reasons for their cancellation;

(c) what is the quantum of financial loss suffered by Indian Airlines due to these cancellations; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) During the period October, 1989 to April, 1990, out of a total of 50,257 flights operated by Indian Airlines, 1,963 flights were cancelled of which 209 flights were concelled due to aircraft mainteance and handling, 700 due to weather conditions, airport restrictions and miscellaneous reasons, and 1,054 flights were cancelled due to consequential reasons.

(c) It is not possible to quantify the loss due to cancellations of flights. As in such contingencies a large number of passengers travel by alternate schedule services of Indian Airlines. However, Indian Airlines incurs expenditure on passengers towards hotel accommodation, food and transportation. The expenditure on this account during the said period is estimated at Rs. 5.63 crores

(d) Indian Airlines has recently taken the following steps to minimise cancellations of flights.

—In case of serious snags, which are likely to result in cancellations or inordinate delays, the Chief Engineering Manager of the base station is require to personally inspect the aircraft and in case the rectification is likely to result in delay or cancellation, then information is passed on to the enroute stations immediately;

—The Regional Directors are holding daily meetings with the Chief Engineering Manager, Operations Managers and Commercial Managers to discuss such snags;

—Reviews are also conducted at the Headquarters by the Commercial Director, Director of Engineering and Director of Operations.

Manufacture of Corrugated boxes for packaging of apples by Agro Industrial Packaging India Ltd., Himachal Pradesh

2082. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agro Industrial Packaging India Ltd., Himachal Pradesh has been granted licence to manufacture corrugated boxes for packaging of apples;